



**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County - present  
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County - (present via Zoom)  
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County – present  
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present  
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present  
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative – present  
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County - present

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams

Via Zoom: Doug Doney, Troy Cunningham, Clay Roscoe, Ashley Anderson, Rachel Pollreis, Carol Julius, Jaime Aanensen

**GUESTS:** Approximately 21 members of the public attending in person; Michael Karlfeldt, ND; Dr. Vikki Wooll, MD; Guests viewing live stream via SWDH You Tube page.

Guests Via Zoom: Heather Taylor, Dr. Michaela Schulte, Dr. Sky Blue; Guests viewing live stream via SWDH You Tube page.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board members reviewed the agenda. No changes were noted.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dale moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public presented public comments to the Board of Health members.

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

Guest speakers presented both conventional and non-conventional viewpoints of COVID-19.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Division administrators introduced new employees.

**APPROVE OCTOBER 27, 2020 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

Board members reviewed the October 27, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes. No changes were noted.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** Commissioner Dale moved to approve the October 27, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

## **OCTOBER 2020 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT**

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the October 2020 Expenditure and Revenue report. Troy explained that the net cash position for fiscal year 2021 so far is attributed to fiscal year 2020 due to billing which was received in Fiscal Year 2021.

Capital outlay is defined as having a lifespan longer than a year or a cost greater than \$2,000. Some exceptions are computer equipment due to the cost typically being under the cost threshold. Another exception to capital outlay is cell phones.

## **COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE**

Doug Doney provided a COVID-19 situation update. He explained following receipt of Abbott Binax NOW Rapid Antigen Tests for diagnosis of COVID-19 in symptomatic individuals, SWDH conducted operational research to validate performance by collecting two samples on each symptomatic person to compare with PCR testing, considered the gold standard for COVID-19 diagnosis. Result concurrence between Binax NOW and PCR was very good at >95%. Moving forward, per the SWDH Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), a positive on the Binax NOW is considered positive. If a Binax NOW test is negative, then a second sample is collected and sent to the state lab for confirmation.

Binax NOW is an antigen test not a PCR test. It looks for an actual fragment of the virus (antigens). Two other antigen tests are being used nationally primarily in long term care facility settings.

SWDH and IBL are conducting a formal validation study to comprehensively evaluate BinaxNOW performance, compared to PCR. Results will be shared with IDHW, other health districts, and other healthcare organizations utilizing this rapid antigen test.

Other updates include staff continuing to work to ensure homeless populations who test positive have a safe place to isolate. Also, following the Governor's order rolling the state back to a modified Stage 2 Stay Healthy Order, staff have been re-reviewing plans and rescinding approval if the event does not comply with the newest order.

## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATE**

Commissioner Tom Dale provided an update on the recent Executive Council meeting. The Executive Council discussed the potential need for a health district specific lobbyist to help with representation during the upcoming legislative session.

Seth Grigg was informative and had quite a few conversations with legislators and other county commissioners regarding funding for public health districts as well as governance and possible re-districting.

The health district directors want to be prepared to be a point of conversation at the upcoming session and be sure a good advocate for the health districts is in place and able to provide accurate information. One piece of misinformation recently noted is that one of our local legislators suggested recommending limiting the public health districts' ability to place restrictions on schools despite the fact that health districts are not placing any mandates on schools.

## **SWDH COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT LEVEL UPDATE**

Board members asked to review the Southwest District Health COVID-19 Health Alert Level metrics monthly. Nikki explained that she asked SWDH's team of epidemiologists to review the mitigation strategies and metrics. Rachel Pollreis, Research Analyst, Sr., provided an update.

**MOTION:** Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the edits to the mitigation strategies. Commissioner Hanigan seconded the motion. One abstained; motion passes.

# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## Public Health Symposium

The Public Health Symposium initially scheduled for today has been rescheduled to December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held in a virtual format. More information will be sent out.

## December meeting time

The agenda for the meeting today incorrectly states a 9 a.m. meeting time. The meeting time for the December 15, 2020 meeting will be 10:00 a.m. in accordance with the annual meeting notice schedule and to accommodate winter driving conditions.

Remainder of Director's report items will be carried over to the December meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg  
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Bryan Elliott  
Chairman

Dated: December 15, 2020